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**Legislative Change No.**

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Bill Number: AB 67 Author: Dymally Chapter Number: 07-259

Laws Affecting Franchise Tax Board: Sections 7292, 7295, 7295.4, 7296, 7296.4, 7299.1, 7299.4, 7299.5, and 7299.8 of the Government Code

Date Filed with the Secretary of State: October 5, 2007

SUBJECT: State Agencies/Bilingual Services

**Assembly Bill 67 (Dymally), as enacted on October 5, 2007, made the following changes to laws impacting the Franchise Tax Board:**

Section 7292 of the Government Code is amended.

The act specifies "information services" subject to its provisions to include public safety, protection, and prevention; access to state benefits and public programs; resources and facilities; and any other state program or activity in which the public good is served.

Section 7295 of the Government Code is amended.

The act requires materials explaining services available to the public to be translated into any non-English speaking language spoken by a substantial number of the public served by the agency.

Section 7295.4 of the Government Code is amended.

The act requires a state agency that elects to furnish translation aids, translation guides, or provide assistance, with a qualified bilingual person, to non-English speaking customers at its local offices or facilities.

Section 7296 of the Government Code is amended.

The act provides a definition of "qualified bilingual person," "qualified bilingual employee," or "qualified interpreter" and provides additional requirements for state agencies to meet the definition of "qualified bilingual person, employee, or interpreter."

Section 7296.4 of the Government Code is amended.

The act made nonsubstantive technical changes to this provision and added the term "qualified" in reference to interpreters assisting non-English speaking persons.

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Section 7299.1 of the Government Code is amended.

The act provides conforming changes to the term bilingual person in this section by adding “qualified” to bilingual person references.

Section 7299.4 of the Government Code is amended.

The act provides conforming changes to the term bilingual person in this section by adding “qualified” to bilingual person references.

This act changes the due date of the bilingual survey from March 31 of every even numbered year to October 1 of every even numbered year beginning in 2008. Additionally, this bill changes the due date for a state agency to develop and submit an implementation plan related to bilingual services from every even numbered year to every odd numbered year beginning in 2009. This act requires state agencies to apply annually for exemption from the bilingual services requirements and limits the exemption to five consecutive survey periods.

Section 7299.5 of the Government Code is amended.

This act allows for an additional exemption to the bilingual reporting requirements. State agencies that have fewer than the equivalent of 25 full-time employees in public contact positions will be exempt from the bilingual services reporting requirement.

Section 7299.8 of the Government Code is amended.

This act revises intent language that the Legislature did not intend the provisions of existing law to require that all public contact positions to be filled with qualified bilingual persons.

This act is effective on January 1, 2008, and operative as of that date.

This act will not require any reports by the department to the Legislature.